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SUBJ: CCC CREDITS TO POLAND: POLISH REACTION TO UNLIKELIHOOD
OF "BALLOON" PAYMENTS.

REF: (A) WARSAW 9352; (B) STATE 309065; (C) STATE 304583.

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT, I ASKED
AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HOW FINANCE MINISTER KISIEL AND OTHER
POLISH LEADERS HAD REACTED TO THE NEWS THAT THE USG WOULD
PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO APPROVE "BALLOON" PAYMENTS FOR NEW CCC
CREDITS TO POLAND.

2. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH KISIEL BRIEFLY ON
DECEMBER 30 AFTER UNDER SECRETARY COOPER HAD INFORMED THE MINISTER
THAT USG APPROVAL OF BALLOON PAYMENTS IS UNLIKELY. TRAMPCZYNSKI
CONFIRMED MY IMPRESSION THAT KISIEL WAS SURPRISED AND DEJECTED
AT THE NEWS. TRAMPCZYNSKI, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED KISIEL DURING
HIS WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS, SAID HE HAD TRIED TO MODERATE THE
MINISTER'S OPTIMISM FOLLOWING THOSE MEETINGS. TRAMPCZYNSKI
SAID KISIEL HAD INTERPRETED THE LACK OF A CLEAR "NO" TO HIS
PROPOSALS AS SIGNALLING THE ABSENCE OF USG OPPOSITION AND,
THEREFORE, AS SETTING THE STAGE FOR AGREEMENT DURING THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (COMMENT: THIS ACCOUNT SQUARES WITH WHAT
KISIEL TOLD ME ON HIS RETURN TO WARSAW (REF A). END COMMENT)
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TRAMPCZYNSKI DID NOT COMMENT ON THE REACTION OF OTHER POLISH
OFFICIALS.

3. I UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO
SUCH BALLOON PAYMENTS, TOGETHER WITH THE POSSIBLE PRECEDENT-
SETTING EFFECT ON CCC PROGRAMS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, ARE KEY
FACTORS INFLUENCING OUR DECISION. KISIEL WILL NO DOUBT BE

INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THESE POINTS WITH SENATOR STEVENSON
DURING THE LATTER'S JANUARY 17-18 VISIT TO POLAND (REF C).
I HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL APPRISE THE SENATOR OF THE POLISH
REQUEST AND THAT HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO REFLECT CONGRESSIONAL
OPINION ON THE SUBJECT. OTHERWISE, KISIEL WILL END UP ENCOURAGED
AGAIN BY THE ABSENCE OF A FIRM "NO".
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